



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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*28th November 2024*

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## From the Principal

Maybe you have the same joy in your life?

Over 25 years ago, I spent the best \$5 of my life.

We bought a 'pound puppy' and our kids named her Biscuit. The little pup had been badly mistreated and spent the first few weeks cowering whenever a child approached her. Biscuit was a cross between unknown parentage and a chihuahua - fox terrier. One would expect a yappy, nippy little dog to be the consequence. However, Biscuit was sweet natured, grew in confidence and became a lovable and energetic companion for our three children.

We walked her when we could and, somehow, her little legs walked the 6 kilometres in and out of town. Biscuit became the Queen dog of the neighbourhood and had a wonderful life, befriending all of the pets and people in a 2 kilometre radius. In Emerald, she was known and loved.

At Christmas, there was always a special snack and a toy or some doggy reindeer antlers under the tree. After almost 17 years of living and loving with us, we found Biscuit collapsed on our front lawn. The vet confirmed our fears, she was in coronary arrest and had been for days. 'But she walked 6 kilometres yesterday', my wife exclaimed. 'She's a tough old thing', the vet replied, 'these bitzers always are'. So with her tail still wagging, she was gently put to sleep. A sad day for our family. Our sons, although mid-exam block, spent the evening driving around St Lucia, crying and watching dog videos.

We had Biscuit laid to rest under a cotton farmer's lemon tree.

A fortnight ago, my wife and daughter were at Robina Shopping Town. Both love clothes shopping and no doubt slightly melted their credit cards, buying frilly clothes for our grand daughters. On their return to Yeppoon, my wife reflected on how in many shops she accidentally picked up a baby t-shirt to realise it was 'dog apparel'.

Also that she only saw only two nativity scenes in the entire centre; a tacky gold one and a rotund, naïve child's set.

Where's the true Christmas she wondered?

As the countdown to Christmas continues, 27 days to go, buy your pet a present, if that is what you are into. Spoil the kids, have a drink with a neighbour, ring distant relatives, give to vulnerable families. But don't forget that 'truth' of Christmas.

Dogs, family and friendships are so important but so too is the deeper meaning of this precious season; a little boy was born 2000 years ago.

His life flipped the theology of the time on its head. He walked with the outcasts and said everyone was welcome in the Kingdom of God. The tenets of Christianity underpin our law system and societal norms.

Approach the season with joy and spend some time in prayer, giving thanks for all of your blessings.

Take care  
Martin

Max



## From the APRE

### **Advent: A Season of Waiting and Joy**

Recently, my son awaited the birth of his first child. Throughout the night, we received numerous phone calls and texts. As parents and carers, we can all relate to the moments spent waiting for our children, whether it's at school, sports activities, playdates, or various appointments. This period of expectancy, or what we may aptly term the "advent" of something, is indeed a familiar experience for many of us.

Soon, our Catholic community will embrace a special season known as Advent. These four weeks leading up to Christmas offer us a valued opportunity to prepare ourselves for the arrival of Christ.

For our children, however, patience during Advent may seem elusive as they eagerly await the arrival of Christmas Day.

So, how can we, as families, actively engage in Advent?

One beautiful tradition is the use of an Advent wreath placed on your table. Crafted or purchased, it is adorned with greenery features four candles—three purple and one pink. Each candle symbolises a unique aspect of this Church season:

1. **Hope (Purple Candle):** Often referred to as the Prophets' candle, it represents the anticipation of a promising future.
2. **Peace (Purple Candle):** Known as the Angels' candle, this embodies the peace that the Christmas story brings.
3. **Joy (Pink Candle):** The Shepherds' candle, symbolising the sheer joy the Christmas message brings to our lives.

4. **Love (Purple Candle):** Represents the Bethlehem candle, it signifies the love embodied in the birth of Jesus.

As we embark on this Advent journey, let's reflect:

*God, help us to remember that Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. May his birthday bring joy and happiness as we spread peace and joy to all. Amen.*

May this Advent season be filled with meaningful reflections, cherished moments, and the warm embrace of love and joy.

Blessings to all this Christmas season  
Collins

Melissa



## From the APC

This Tuesday, 3rd December, report cards will be available after 4 pm via the Parent Lounge portal.

Reporting is an A-E standard for Years 1 to 6, with a three-point scale for effort and attitude marks across all Learning Areas.

The three-point scale is Commendable, Satisfactory and Needs Improvement.

Our Prep reports have the following 5-point scale:

- Becoming Aware (BA)
- Exploring (E)
- Working With (WW)
- Making Connections (MC)

- Applying (AP)

Technology marks are split into Digital and Design, and the Arts into Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Art and Media Art for the areas studied in a particular semester.

Should you have a problem logging into this portal, contact Mrs Kirkman in our office.

### **Booklists**

Below are links to our 2025 book lists.

The following local businesses offer a 5% discount on book lists being filled for Sacred Heart families.

- Keppel Bay Plaza News
- Office National Xpress Yeppoon
- Emu Park Newsagency
- Capricorn Educational Resources Allenstown

[Prep](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

### **Rotary Club Visit**

Yesterday, Mrs Muller and Mr Jackson from the Yeppoon Rotary Club visited our Preps to gift each of them a book. This is an initiative that takes place annually for all Preps on the Capricorn Coast to encourage the love of reading.

This kind gesture was well-received, as the smiling faces below show.

Mrs Lisa List



## Important Dates

### November

Friday 29th Whole school assembly with our Preps presenting their Nativity play.

Friday 29th Final Breakfast Club from 7.50am to 8.20am.

Friday 29th Colour Run commencing at 1.45pm on our oval.

### December

Monday 2nd End of year thanksgiving mass commencing at 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome.

Monday 2nd Year 6 graduation dinner from 5.30pm in our multi-purpose area.

Tuesday 3rd End of year concert in MPA from 11:30am. All our year levels are performing.

Friday 6th Final whole school assembly at 8.40am

Friday 6th Last day of school

## Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish

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*Here is the Sacred Heart Church bulletin for this week. Stay connected and enjoy.*

[Link to Bulletin](#)

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Lantern Awards



















Finn Jarrett Year 2 Compassion

- For showing great sportsmanship, always thinking of your team members and assisting those who need help.

Sophie Donald, McKenzie Edwards, Harley Hill, Willow Johnston, Annabelle McDougall, Elkie Milner, Ruby Moger, Clair Nunn, Imogen Harvey, Torah Pearce, Charlie Veliscek, Sophia Small, Stella Small, Hannah Flanders Year 2 Compassion

- For your generous and caring nature shown in helping and guiding a friend every day.

## Class Awards

### Prep

Elsie Seymour, Eve Whalan, Evie Seaby, Adalyn Geering, Hope Orr, Georgia Clayton, Caiden Malcolm, Tai Rukuwai, Gus Hatte.

### Year 1

Ryder Maloney, Beckett Crosby, Isabella Mulholland, Lydia Hoadley-Irving, Christopher Palmer, Thomas Gould, Felix Gagliardi, Ayva Pattel, James Kirby, Noah Eyles, Louin Rayner, Clara Ohl, Charlotte Thompson, Harvey Bergman, Harry Phillips, Isla Rae Kani, Sophie Winter, Henry Poole, Sierra Scott, Olivia Forbes, Jack Guinane, Noah Eyles, Harrison Turner, Ivy Stumer.

### Year 2

Jack McCoombes, Scarlett Seamark, Hannah Flanders, Annabelle McDougall, Leilani Goody, Sophia Small, Stella Small, McKenzie Edwards, Kobi Rich, Molly Chenoweth, Finn Fleming, Stella Seymour, Eva Watson, Claire Martin, Harlyn Seaman, Sapphire Johnson, Liam Watson.

### Year 3

Eden Prince, Zara Carpenter, Aurora Johnson, Madeline Grob, Finn McIvor.

### Year 4

Leni-Jane Bergman, Henry Kehoe, Angus Mitchell, Felix Suttle, Maci Busch, Mack Delaivuna.

### Year 5

Ivy Carswel, Macy Gould, Isla Bradsaw, Henry Willey, Jersey Wyatte, Quinn DuPlooy, Georgia Blackwood.

### Year 6

Alex Todd, Braydon Smith, Archie Thomas, Adah Stapleton, Beckett Catt, Cooper Griffin, Jake Nix, Sienna Platen, Maya Read, Charlie McKeown, Amelia Deasy.

## End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

This special celebration will be held this Monday 2nd December commencing 9.15am at Sacred Heart Church and led by Year 6T. Father Matthew Moloney will be celebrating with us.

All Preps to Year 6 will be attending, walking to and from the church. To ensure the safety of all students, a teacher will be assisting with the crossing of Bottlebrush Drive. They will be supervised closely at all times.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate this mass with us.

We will be offering thanks for the 2024 school year and for our Year 6s.

When we leave the church, our Prep to Year 5 children will make a guard of honour for our Year 6s as they enter our school grounds.

## End of Year Concert

The concert will take place on Tuesday, 3rd December, starting at 11:30am in our multi-purpose area.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## End of year Instrumental concert

Well done to our instrumental students who performed on Tuesday.

They entertained us and showcased their talents.

To our instrumental teachers; Mrs Jane Bacon, Mrs Ursula Boyd, Mrs Caitlin Seymour, Mrs Kate Ellis, Mrs Judy Carling and Miss Audrey Collins, thank you.









## Colour Run

We have rescheduled the Colour Run for tomorrow, Friday 29th.

All year levels will be taking part, commencing after the second break.

An approximate timetable when year levels will be running is as follows:

Prep and Year 6	1.45pm
Year 1 and Year 5	1.55pm
Year 2 and 3	2.05pm
Year 4	2.15pm
All classes	2.25pm
Finish	2.35pm

We will then go to our multipurpose area until 3pm where the children will be dismissed.

Children are asked to wear a white or light coloured shirt and casual shorts to school that day. A towel to dry themselves after their run would be handy.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## School Improvements Over The Holidays

These holidays will see several capital works being undertaken at Sacred Heart.

A new ring main will be installed around school to alleviate the many plumbing issues we have encountered.

The side of the library, closest to our Year 5 classrooms, will have a new verandah and roof adjoining it, built.

Both will be welcomed additions to our school.

Furthermore in 2025 after the Easter break, work will hopefully start on a new administration building at our school, followed by the refurbishing of our current admin offices and staffroom to be a new Inclusive Practices (Learning Support) building.

Very exciting news as our school grows.

Architect's impression of our new admin building.



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## 2025 Instrumental Music Program

Registrations for the 2025 Instrumental Music Program are now open.

[Further information and link to register is available here.](#)

Registrations are due by Wednesday 4th December 2024.